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BEQUEST PROVIDES UM PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana Foundation has received an endowment for two UM Presidential Scholarships from the estate of Allene A. Schiesser, according to William Zader, executive director of the UM Foundation.

Schiesser, a 1934 UM graduate in business administration, died at the age of 79 last November at Missoula Community Nursing Home after an extended illness. She was an active member of the UM Alumni Association and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

The UM Presidential Scholarships are among the most prestigious scholarships the University has to offer, Zader said. Selected students, who are admitted to the Honors Program, must demonstrate strong leadership and high academic achievement. Each student receives \$1,500 a year for four years.

"These scholarships, provided through the generosity and planning of Mrs. Schiesser, will enable U of M to successfully compete for some of the top students in the state," Zader said. "This is just the kind of boost our University needs."

Schiesser taught at Cold Springs elementary school and in the Swan River Valley. She also taught at high schools in White Sulphur Springs and Deer Lodge. In 1941 the former Allene

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Armstrong married Fred J. Schiesser of Seeley Lake. Together they ran the Seeley Lake stage between there and Missoula for many years. Mr. Schiesser died in 1968.

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